

FROM WEST INDEPENDENCE, O.

In as much as you have not heard from this point for some time, I thought perhaps a few items would be of interest to you. We are glad to say that we are still entitled to an existence though we have been silent yet we are progressing, though we are making haste slowly. I am pleased to know that our church here is realizing and appreciating a higher and purer state of Christianity, and I believe that there is, if properly handled, a grand future awaiting the church here. Our members here have the true spirit of Christian advancement. With a few exceptions our services are well attended and the interest is good. One of the indications which point to our success is the respect which the people have for the pastor, which I believe is an unmistakable evidence of the success of any church. Let the pastor so live and conduct himself among his people so as to gain their confidence and then preach the true principles of the Christians religion, and I believe that God will prosper that church.

And now I wish to inform you of the manner of treatment that I received from the church here on last Thursday. I went to the weekly prayer-meeting as usual at 7 o'clock. I noticed that there were quite a number who were absent on that evening, but on returning home all was made plain. The Sisters Society of Christian Endeavor was only working out their well directed plans. On returning home the lights in the house were lowered, and when I was admitted into the room, I was greeted by a crowd numbering one hundred and two, who had come to celebrate my thirty-ninth Anniversary. It was given as a surprise, and surely it was a success. The evening was spent in pleasant conversation, until the hour arrived for them to return. Before leaving, brother Isaac Meyers with a few well chosen words enformed me of the handsome donation presented by the church and friends consisting of almost anything needed in the way of eatables and a few other articles which were not of a digestible nature. After the presentation was made the confused and a little excited pastor tried to respond with a few remarks of thanks, but in this he failed. However we now extend to them our most sincere thanks, and our prayer is that the Lord may bless them for their generous work. Surely this is encouraging to me. It serves as an incentive to assist me to greater efforts. And then on the following Sabbath at our regular services at 11 o'clock, after the sermon had been delivered, we extended the invitation and one came out and made the good confession. We baptized him the same after-

noon, consecration services were observed that night at the church; and so the good work is moving on.

We held our love feast at Gretna, Logan Co., Ohio, November 3, which was a very pleasant meeting. We were very much pleased to see so many of the brethren from Williamstown at our love feast. They were accompanied by their pastor, A. J. Baughman. We expect to hold our love feast here on November 23. A cordial invitation is extended to all. Any one coming by R. R. will be met at Fostoria if due notice is given. Address the pastor at West Independence, Ohio.

W. S. WHITE.

FROM NORTH GEORGETOWN, O.

Our meeting held at this place and conducted by Rev. E. E. Haskins, lasting nearly four weeks, closed on Thursday night, November 7, with twenty additions. Many more are counting the cost, and only because Satan who is holding such a high commission was a little stronger than the very able and earnest appeals, that went up every night, many more would have taken up the cross. We are revived and more stronger in the faith than we were ever before. We did our duty, prayer after prayer, petition upon petition were offered by the brethren during this series of meetings for the unconverted. The hedges and highways were searched by our brother for the lost and wandering souls who know not God. Many a parents heart bled for a wandering son or daughter, while their prayers ascended heavenward. But while some are still willing to serve Baal, twenty-3 mostly very young gave their hearts to the church, and their hearts to the blessed Lord. Brother Haskins is truly thoroughly posted on the teachings of the Bible and on the doctrines of the Brethren church. This is a stubborn and hotly contested field to work in, but Brother Kimmel holds the respect of this entire community; preaches sound doctrine to the people, backs it up by his upright walk and conversation, using such a mild and pleasant way of persuasion; that convinces people that our way is the right way. These were pleasant meetings. Every body enjoyed them. Weather being favorable, with but few exceptions; large audiences, with very good order, save a few, and while they ignored God's word now, and did not seek him while he was near, it may be the means of losing their souls, and be condemned forever. Praise the Lord for the grand and glorious work accomplished. Praise the Lord for answering our petitions.

G. A. RUFF, Corresponding Sec.
Nov. 9.

SPIRITUAL JOTTINGS.

I have returned home after a seven weeks' siege against the enemy. The Iowa battle fought near Waterloo has been reported. I ran up to Dayton, Va., and dedicated and organized a Brethren church. Name, Mount Zion Brethren church. Membership, thirty-two. Pastor J. S. Bowman. Future prospects very bright. I helped to chop the trees and haul the logs to the sawmill, for the erection of the first Brethren church in Rockingham Co., eleven years ago. Two years ago I assisted a little in the erection of the second Brethren church in that county. I helped to build, dedicated and organized Mount Zion, the third Brethren church in Rockingham Co. Hence, all these churches have a warm spot in my heart. We have in Dayton a neat and beautiful church. On day of dedication, we raised about eighty dollars, then the brethren assumed the rest of the debt which was about one hundred and fifty dollars. This they hope to make up in less than a year. I am very glad to be able to state that the troubles of the Bethlehem congregation are now settled. Any of our ministering brethren, who may pass through the beautiful Shenandoah valley, will find a warm welcome by the Dayton brethren. I am now at home, happy with my family. Had a large congregation tonight. Next Sunday night we expect to begin our protracted meeting in the city.

Pray for us.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

FROM MAPLE GROVE CHURCH.

DEAR EVANGELIST:—Not having seen any church news from this church for some time we venture to send a few items. Brother David Brumbaugh, from Portis, Kans., was with us and delivered some interesting sermons. He stayed about twelve days, and before he left we held our communion services. The church had chosen him for our elder here, some time ago. Brother A. Bissell is all the minister we have at present, but will no doubt work zealously for the Master. Elder M. Lichty and wife who have worked hard and very faithfully here for over sixteen years have moved to Atchison, Kans, and suffered with us in this droughty country, both "financially as well as spiritually," and in times of "church trouble" have labored hard for peace and unity. They will both be sadly missed. Not only by the members, but also by many sick and poor people, whom they have kindly cared for and assisted in many ways. May the Lord bless them abundantly is our prayer.

CARRIE HOLSINGER.